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- Comment:**

Soviet information on the ASHKHABAD earthquake on 7 October 1948 stated:

- a. There were numerous fatalities (Pass report)
- b. 6,226 injured persons were evacuated and foodstuffs were shipped to the place of accident by every means of transportation (Radio MOSCOW on 9 October 1948).

It seems possible that multi-engine planes were employed for relief. Reuters reported from ZURICH that, on 5 October 1948, strong explosions were registered which might have been connected with the detonation of atom bombs.

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